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60. (New) The computer system of claim 46, wherein the client computer is connected to the <sup>first</sup> map server computer and the <sup>second</sup> information server computer via a World Wide Web.

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61. (New) The computer system of claim 60, wherein the means for displaying an image of the map on the video display unit comprises an internet browser.

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62. The computer system of claim 40, wherein the map data is in a form of an image file.

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63. (New) A computer system comprising:  
a map server computer for storing map data representative of a map of a geographical area and coordinate data representative of the spatial coordinates of at least one point lying within the area represented by the map;  
an information server computer for storing information data representative of at least one place of interest within the geographical area, said data including data representative of the spatial coordinates of the place of interest within the area; and  
a client computer, the client computer having a visual display unit;  
wherein the client computer includes  
a map requesting mechanism for transmitting a map request to the map server computer to request transfer to the client computer of the map data,  
a map image displaying mechanism for displaying an image of the map on the visual display unit, and

an information request transmitting mechanism for transmitting an information request to the information server computer to identify places of interest known to it and lying within the geographical area,

wherein the information server computer includes a response transmitting mechanism for transmitting to the client computer in response to the information request the data representative of at least one place of interest within the geographical area, and

wherein the client computer includes a display mechanism for displaying said data associated with the place of interest on the visual display unit.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 30-63 are pending, claims 57-63 having been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 30-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Publication No. XP 000612712 to Arikawa ("Arikawa"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claims 30-45 of the present application recite a method of operating a computer system, the method comprising storing, on a map server computer, map data representative of a map of a geographical area, transmitting a map request to the map server computer from a client computer, and transmitting from the map server computer to the client computer in response to the map request the map data. Applicant submits that Arikawa does not disclose a map server computer and therefore does not disclose storing map data on a map server computer, as recited in claims 30-45.